

ELLINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB PRESS RELEASE

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DIANE SMITH SPEAKING IN ELLINGTON

March 9, 2006, Ellington, CT.....Emmy-award winning TV journalist, author, and radio personality, Diane Smith, will be the guest speaker at the Ellington Women's Club fundraiser on Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ellington High School auditorium, 37 Maple Street (Rt. 140) Ellington. Smith will give a presentation based on her recent book, "Summer in Connecticut". Tickets for the event are \$10.00 each and can be purchased in advance at Ellington Agway and Hall Memorial Library or by contacting Denise Archibald at 872-8290 or Norma Wirta at 875-5163. They will also be sold at the auditorium door the evening of May 23.

Smith, formerly a veteran news anchor and reporter at WTNH-TV, and now co-host of WTIC-AM's News Talk 1080 with Ray Dunaway, will present excerpts from "Summer in Connecticut", the latest of her series of books on her home state. As the producer of the popular series, "Positively Connecticut"™ on Connecticut Public

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Television, Smith has also authored a best-seller by the same name, as well as sequels “Absolutely Positively Connecticut” and “Christmas in Connecticut”.

Renowned for searching out the inspiring, warm, funny and unique stories and sites—many not well-known and surprising-- that give Connecticut its character, Smith will share insights and information on what makes summer so special in Connecticut; and how audience members can enhance their summer experience in our state during this wonderful season.

A book-signing, with books available for purchase, and refreshments will cap the evening with Smith at the conclusion of her presentation. A portion of the book sale proceeds will be donated by Smith to the Ellington Women’s Club (EWC).

Sharon Czyz, president of the EWC, and its members, hope that residents of Ellington and the surrounding communities will enthusiastically attend this fundraiser that is sure to be a fun and enlightening evening.

Czyz emphasizes that “Ticket sales will be critical in allowing the Ellington Women’s Club to continue contributing to the many local and state organizations and events they have helped in their 110-year history. These areas of support include community service and advocacy; education; leadership training; veterans’ affairs; and health programs.”

Czyz further states, “Given Diane Smith’s popularity, we anticipate the public will whole-heartedly support this event. With public support, we can continue fulfilling our community objectives.”

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